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TAB - C Interim Novel Weapons Policy Guidance - Area Media Treatment

1. Soviet Area

a. The primary aim is to deter the Soviet leaders from further aggression. Presumably the facts of our atomic superiority are sufficiently well known to them to provide a serious deterrent. Presumably, too, there are discreet ways to keep them impressed with our superiority without resorting to broadside statements which do harm in other parts of the world.

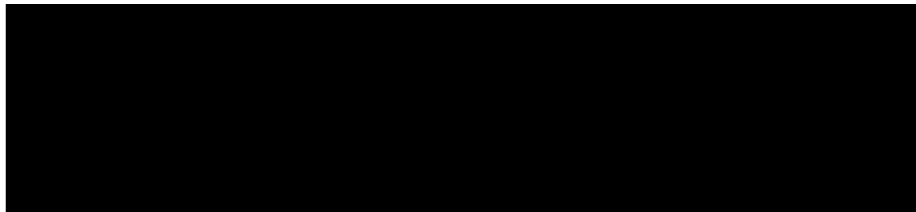
b. A secondary aim is to avoid helping the Soviet leaders rally the Soviet peoples for war. Indiscriminate use of novel weapon information (especially if there is any suggestion of gloating over prospective devastation) may help the Kremlin exact greater efforts from the people.

c. A third aim is to make the Kremlin responsible in the eyes of the Soviet peoples for any calamity which may come upon them.

2. Satellite Peoples

a. In general, the satellite peoples want general war as a means to liberation, and consequently show little tendency to neutralism resulting from fear of novel weapons. Hate of the regime submerges their fears. As general war, however, is contrary to our policy, we must not exploit novel weapons toward this area in the context of bringing general war nearer.

b. We should not emphasize novel weapons toward the satellites, except in ways which keep them aware of our growing strength, and particularly of our vast economic superiority. For this purpose, we should emphasize the peaceful uses of atomic energy and the scientific rather than military aspects of other novel weapons.



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